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| | Examiner | Art Unit |
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4,11-17,24 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5-10,18-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In line 1, "12" should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 11-17, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (6,832,889).

In figures 1-3, Lee et al. teach a turbine airfoil 12 comprising:

transversely spaced apart pressure 34 and suction 32 sidewalls joined together at chordally opposite leading 36 and trailing 37 edges and extending in span from a root 26 to a tip 28; a septum 40 spaced between said pressure 18 and suction 22 sidewalls to define with said sidewalls 18,22 first 48 and second 42 cooling circuits extending in span along opposite sides of said septum 40 and converging between said leading 22 and trailing 24 edges, said first circuit 48 being disposed along said pressure sidewall

18, and said second circuit 42 being disposed along said suction sidewall 22 and extending aft from said first circuit 48 to said trailing edge 24; and an array of pins 54 extending inwardly from said pressure sidewall 18 at a discharge end of one of said first 48 and second 42 circuits, and said pins 54 decrease in length to conform with said one circuit 48 converging between said leading 22 and trailing 24 edges.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-10 and 18-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art

Prior art made of record but not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure and consist of three patents.

French (2,956,773) is cited to show a turbine airfoil having a pressure and suction walls, and a septum spaced between the walls but fails to show an array of pins.

Sterman et al. (3,844,678) is cited to a turbine airfoil having a pressure and suction walls, and a septum spaced between the walls and defining a first and a second cooling circuits but fails to show the second circuit disposed aft the first circuit.

Steinbauer et al. (4,312,624) is cited to a turbine airfoil having a pressure and suction walls, and a septum spaced between the walls and defining a first and a second cooling circuits but fails to show a tip of the airfoil.

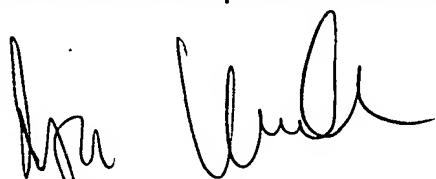
Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Kershteyn whose telephone number is **(571)272-4817**. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look, can be reached on **(571)272-4820**. The fax number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 0861.

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April 29, 2005



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Art Unit 3745